

State Board for Crane Operators
Minutes of the June 4, 2014, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John, Chairman; Nate Brown; Richard Cop; Richard DeJulio

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David D'Ostilio, IUOE, William Abbott DAS/DCS/OSFM; Chris Syrek, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.; Roy Bolton II, Cianbro Equipment

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – approved and seconded
3. Old Business:
 - A. None
 - B. No discussion
 - C. Re-certification – Retesting is still in the process. It was suggested a letter be sent in 2015 with crane operator renewals to remind them to re-test by 2017.

4. New Business:

A. & B. Apprentice Crane Operator applications were reviewed by the Board.

A discussion took place with respect to the process of handling the approval of the Crane Board for apprentice registrations. Often times occur where an apprentice applicant is delayed from working due to the Crane Board not meeting in a timely manner. The outcome of the discussion revealed that the crane inspector will email the applicants for review to the Crane Board members for their approval within a timely manner (24 hours).

In addition, a discussion took place with respect as to the testing of initial/new applicants testing for cranes or hoisting licenses. There is a need to utilize some space and time during retesting sessions due to the limited accommodations such as room seating capacity or date deadlines set. The flexibility utilizing the time and space at a retesting site will help solve some problems that occur due to a quarterly testing schedule.

An announcement was made that photos will not be used on crane licenses and that for both crane and hoisting licenses, no signatures will be utilized. No letters were sent out informing of the process changes. It was recommended to review these changes.

It was also suggested by the Board that letters be sent out to the industry informing them of the changes.

C. Review of crane incident -A Quick Pick Crane Service, Shelton CT incident on 12/16/13 – no injuries and operator admits to fault. Work with Jenna to get a letter with a warning to give the operator. Board agrees. Reprimand letter to be sent out to the operator and placed in operator's file.

5. Comments from the public:

Dave D'Ostilio stated that he recently appeared in Washington, D.C. to give a testimony for Federal OSHA in order to have their final compliance date extended to 2017. Dave also pointed out that OSHA's new law does clarify that the **employer** is ultimately responsible to endure that the operator is qualified. Also, that certification does not mean qualification.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.